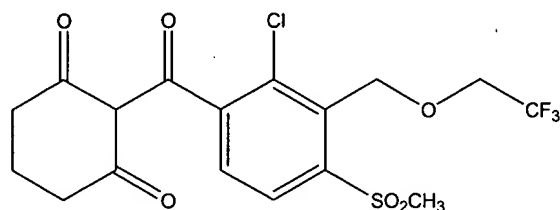


In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 19 (Cancelled).

18. (Previously added) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein

Compound A) has the formula:



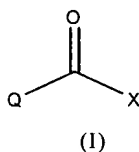
and

Compound B) is nicosulfuron.

19. (New) A herbicidal composition, comprising an effective amount of

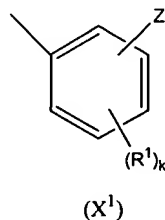
A) at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts

(Component A)

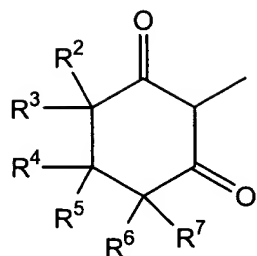


in which

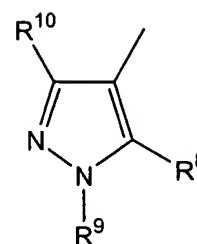
X is the radical X^1



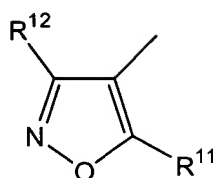
Q is a radical Q^1 , Q^2 or Q^3 ,



(Q¹)



(Q²)



(Q³)

Z is a radical Z¹, CH₂-Z¹ or Z²;

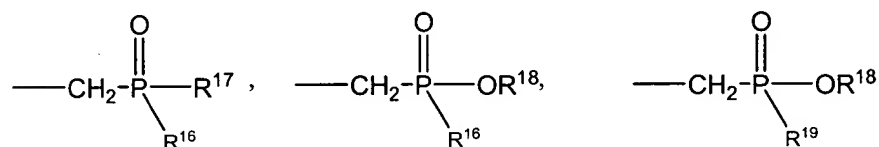
Z¹ is a five- to ten-membered monocyclic or bicyclic saturated, partially saturated, fully unsaturated or aromatic ring which is attached via carbon or nitrogen and which, in addition to carbon atoms, contains 1, 2, 3, or 4 heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen and which is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, cyano-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, CO-R¹⁵, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio, di-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl-amino, by phenyl which is optionally mono- or polysubstituted by halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl or halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or by an oxo group;

Z² is (C₃-C₁₂)-cycloalkyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroaryloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,

aryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroaryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
heterocycly-(C₁-C₄)-alkoxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-
alkyl, heteroaryl-(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₃-C₈)-
cycloalkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-
cycloalkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-
C₈)-cycloalkylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylsulfonylamino-(C₁-
C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-
cycloalkylcarbonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-cycloalkoxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
(C₃-C₈)-cycloalkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₃-C₈)-
cycloalkylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-
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alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-cycloalkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₄-C₁₂)-
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C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylsulfonyloxy-
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arylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, arylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
heteroarylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroarylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heteroarylsulfonyl-
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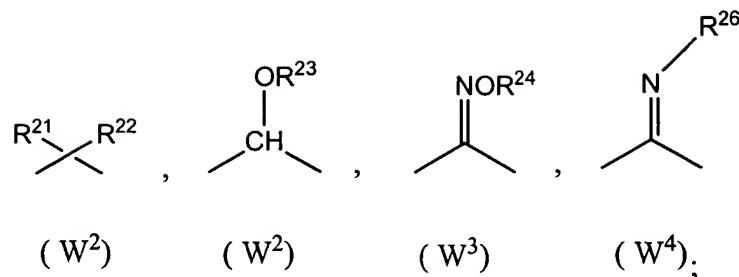
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heterocyclylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclylsulfonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
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heterocyclyloxycarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
heterocyclylcaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylthio-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfinyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,
halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-
alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylsulfonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-
alkylcarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonyloxy-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-
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alkylsulfonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryl-(C₁-C₄)-alkylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, aryl-(C₁-C₄)-
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alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkylcarbonylamino-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, heterocyclyl-(C₁-
C₄)-alkylaminocarbonyl-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl,



or O-(CH₂)_p-O-(CH₂)_w-R²⁰;

W is one of the groups W¹, W², W³, or W⁴



Y is O or NR²⁶;

E together with the two carbon atoms to which it is attached is a phenyl ring or a 5- or 6-membered heterocycle which may be saturated, partially saturated, fully unsaturated or aromatic and contains 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms from the group consisting of oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen, where the heterocycle contains not more than 2 sulfur or 2 oxygen atoms and the phenyl ring or heterocycle which contains the group E is unsubstituted or mono- or polysubstituted by (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, aminosulfonyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylaminosulfonyl, (C₂-C₁₂)-dialkylaminosulfonyl, NR²⁶R²⁷, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxyalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, halogen, cyano, nitro or by pyridyl;

R¹ is halogen, cyano, nitro, (Y)_n.S(O)_q.R²⁸, (Y)_n.CO-R¹⁵ or is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl or (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy which are substituted by v halogen atoms or k (C₁-C₄)-alkoxy groups;

R², R³, R⁵ and R⁷ independently of one another are hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R⁴ is hydrogen, or is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, tetrahydropyran-3-yl,

tetrahydropyran-4-yl or tetrahydrothiopyran-3-yl which are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of halogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio and (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R⁶ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl or CO₂R¹⁵, or

R⁴ and R⁶ together form a bond or a three- to six-membered carbocyclic ring;

R⁸ is OR²⁹, thio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylthio, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfinyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkylsulfonyl, halogen, NR²⁶R²⁷, phenylthio, phenylsulfonyl or phenylcarbonylmethylthio, where the three last-mentioned groups are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;

R⁹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, CH₂CH₂OR³⁰ or is phenyl or benzyl which are substituted in the phenyl ring by k radicals from the group consisting of (C₁-C₃)-alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;

R¹⁰ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halogen, cyano or nitro;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or halo-(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl;

R¹² is hydrogen, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, S(O)_qR²⁸, CO₂H or cyano;

R¹³ is (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl or is (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl which is substituted by a radical (C₁-C₃)-alkyl;

R¹⁴ is cyano, (C₂-C₆)-alkoxycarbonyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkylcarbonyl, S(O)_q-R³⁰ or C(O)NR²⁶R²⁷;

R^{15} is (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl or $NR^{26}R^{27}$;

R^{16} and R^{17} independently of one another are (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, aryl or aryl-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl which are substituted by k radicals from the group consisting of halogen, cyano, nitro, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy and halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy;

R^{18} and R^{19} independently of one another are hydrogen or R^{16} , or R^{18} and R^{19} together form a (C₂-C₅)-alkenyl chain;

R^{20} is (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₂-C₈)-alkenyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, (C₁-C₆)-alkenyloxy, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyloxy, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyloxy or halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkenyloxy;

R^{21} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₄)-alkyl, Z^1 , O- Z^1 , S- Z^1 or $NR^{30}Z^1$;

R^{22} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)-alkyl, (C₂-C₄)-alkenyl or (C₂-C₄)-alkynyl, or

R^{21} , R^{22} together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbonyl group or an O-CH₂CH₂-O group which is substituted by 9 (C₁-C₃)-alkyl radicals, or R^{21} is hydrogen and R^{22} is Z^1 ;

R^{23} and R^{24} independently of one another are (C₁-C₆)-alkyl, halo-(C₁-C₆)-alkyl, (C₃-C₆)-cycloalkyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkenyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, (C₂-C₆)-alkynyl, halo-(C₂-C₆)-alkynyl or Z^1 ;

R^{25} is Z^1 ;

R^{26} is hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)-alkyl;

R^{27} is hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)-alkyl or (C₁-C₆)-alkoxy, or

R^{26} and R^{27} together form (CH₂)₂, (CH₂)₃, (CH₂)₄, (CH₂)₅, or (CH₂)₂O(CH₂)₂;

R^{28} is (C_1-C_4) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_4) -alkyl or $NR^{26}R^{27}$;

R^{29} is hydrogen, (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkoxyalkyl, formyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkylcarbonyl, (C_2-C_6) -alkoxycarbonyl, $C(O)NR^{26}R^{27}$, (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, halo- (C_1-C_6) -alkylsulfonyl, or is phenyl, benzyl, benzoyl, $CH_2C(O)$ phenyl or phenylsulfonyl which are substituted in the phenyl ring by k radicals from the group consisting of (C_1-C_3) -alkyl, halogen, cyano and nitro;

R^{30} is (C_1-C_6) -alkyl or (C_1-C_6) -alkoxy;

a is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

b is 1 or 2;

k is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

l is 0, 1 or 2;

m is 0 or 1;

n is 0 or 1;

p is 1, 2 or 3;

q is 0, 1 or 2;

v is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

and

B) at least one compound (component B) from one of the groups

B-a) consisting of amidosulfuron, bentazone, bromoxynil, carfentrazone-ethyl, chlortoluron, clodinafop, cloransulam-methyl, diclofop-methyl, fenoxaprop-P-ethyl, florasulam, flufenacet, fluoroglycofen-ethyl, flupyrsulfuron-methyl-sodium,

iodosulfuron, isoproturon, metsulfuron, pendimethalin, pyraflufen-ethyl, sulfosulfuron, thifensulfuron, tralkoxydim, tribenuron, 2-amino-4-(1-fluoro-1-methylethyl)-6-(3-phenyl-1-cyclobutyl-1-propylamino)-1,3,5-triazine and N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)-aminocarbonyl]-2-methoxy-carbonyl-5-methylsulfonylaminomethylbenzenesulfonamide;

B-b) consisting of acetochlor, alachlor, atrazine, bromoxynil, carfentrazone-ethyl, dicamba, diflufenzopyr, dimethenamide, flufenacet, flumetsulam, fluthiacet-methyl, halosulfuron, imazamox, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazethapyr, iodosulfuron, metolachlor, metosulam, metribuzin, nicosulfuron, pethoxamide, pendimethalin, primisulfuron, prosulfuron, pyridate, rimsulfuron, thenylchlor, thifensulfuron-methyl, tritosulfuron and N-[(4,6-dimethoxypyrimidin-2-yl)aminocarbonyl]-2-dimethylaminocarbonyl-5-formylaminobenzenesulfonamide;

B-c) consisting of anilofos, azimsulfuron, benfuresate, bensulfuron, bentazone, benthicarb, bromobutide, bispyribac-sodium, butachlor, cinosulfuron, clomazone, cyclosulfamuron, ethoxysulfuron, esprocarb, imazosulfuron, KPP-314, pyribenzoxim, mefenacet, molinate, oxaziclomefone, OK9701, oxadiargyl, pretilachlor, propanil, pyrazosulfuron, quinclorac, thenylchlor, triclopyr and 1-(3-chloro-4,5,6,7-tetrahydropyrazolo-[1,5-a]-pyrid-2-yl) 5-(methylpropargylamino)-4-pyrazolylcarbonitrile; and

B-d) consisting of glufosinate, glyphosate, imazamox, imazapyr, imazaquin, imazethapyr and sulfosate,

where this composition comprises the compounds of the formula (I) or their salts

(component A) and the compounds of groups B-a) to B-d) (component B) in a ratio by

weight of from 1:2000 to 2000:1.

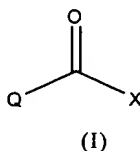
20. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 19, which comprises glufosinate or glyphosate.

21. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 19, wherein the ratio by weight A:B of the combined herbicides A) and B) is in the range from 1:20 to 50:1.

22. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 19, which comprises 0.1-99% by weight of herbicides A) and B) and 99 to 0.1% by weight of formulation auxiliaries which are customary in crop protection.

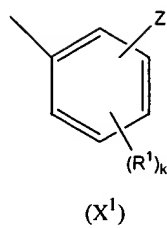
23. (New) A method for controlling undesirable vegetation, which comprises applying one or more herbicides A) with one or more herbicides B) to the harmful plants, to parts thereof or to the area under cultivation, where the combination of the herbicides A) and B) is defined as in claim 19.

24. (New) The herbicidal composition as claimed in claim 19, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts (component A)

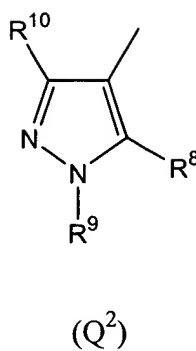


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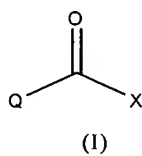
X is the radical X^1



Q is the radical Q^2

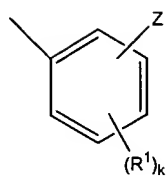


25. (New). The herbicidal composition according to claim 19, comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of formula (I) and its agriculturally customary salts (component A)



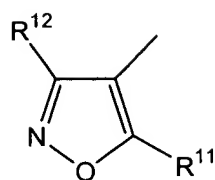
in which

X is the radical X^1



(X¹)

Q is a radical Q³,



(Q³)